

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 14 and 15 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

A new title has been provided, per the examiner's request in order to meet the examiner's requirements.

Regarding the examiner's request to remove computer programs over 300 lines in pages 38-43, applicants note that the number of computer lines is somewhat over 100, if a computer line is counted as each line that ends in an ";" as is standard in the industry. If every single line is counted, applicants have a count of 186 lines, which is within the 300 line limit.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103 over Skarbo ('777) in view of Hanson et al. ('153). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration thereof is requested.

In response to the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC 112, applicants have amended claim 6. Note that the antecedent basis for "external web content" may be found at line 4 of claim 1.

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Skarbo et al. teaches a document collaboration video conferencing system that uses a document server for interfacing with a local presenter computer (the client). The server is designed to receive and store documents from various conference presenters, but only allow

access to the document from its particular presenter. The examiner cites column 6, lines 26-35 as teaching receiving a request from external web content, and cites column 9, line 16 – Column 10, line 25 for teaching creating an opaque reference that is mapped to an imaging client specific command. However, it is evident that the operations referenced in Skarbo are on the server side. See Fig. 1B and the discussion beginning at column 9, line 66 to column 10, line 25. In contrast, the operation of the present invention is taking place in a browser. In particular, the browser on the client side has requested and loaded external web content from an external source. This external web content that has been loaded into the browser is what is making the request to the browser for a reference to a resource. However, it is not known whether the external web content is benign. Thus, the method of the present claim does not give the external web content access to the resource directly. Rather, an opaque reference is created which is mapped to the imaging client specific command. This is not shown in Skarbo.

The examiner cites Hanson et al. for the aspect of translating a request to an imaging client specific command. Hanson teaches a server that can support and aggregate an email interaction between a plurality of participants in a non-redundant fashion. There is no motivation to combine Skarbo and Hanson and it is not obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art how to combine the teachings of Hanson into Skarbo to obtain an operable system that meets applicants' claims. Moreover, even if such a combination could be made, Skarbo is still missing the steps of "receiving at the browser a request from the external web content for a reference to a resource;" and "creating an opaque reference that is mapped to the imaging client specific command."

The dependent claims recite various important limitations that make them each allowable in view of those additional limitations. In particular, see claim 3, wherein it has been clarified that the personal imaging repository of a user is "external to a source of the external web content."

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested, and an early passage to issue solicited.

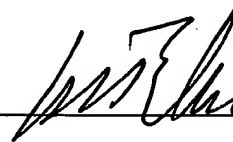
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a
telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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